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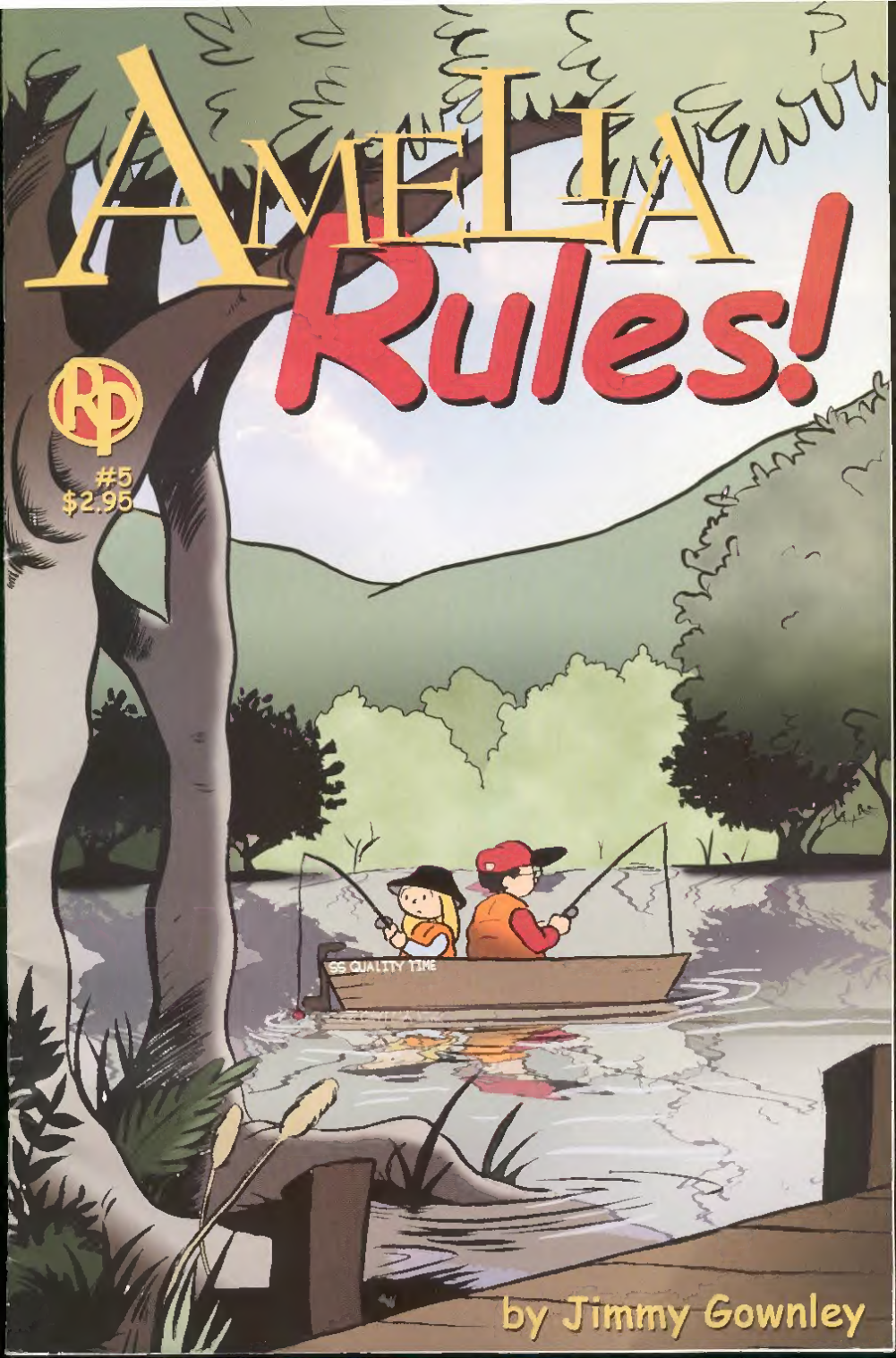

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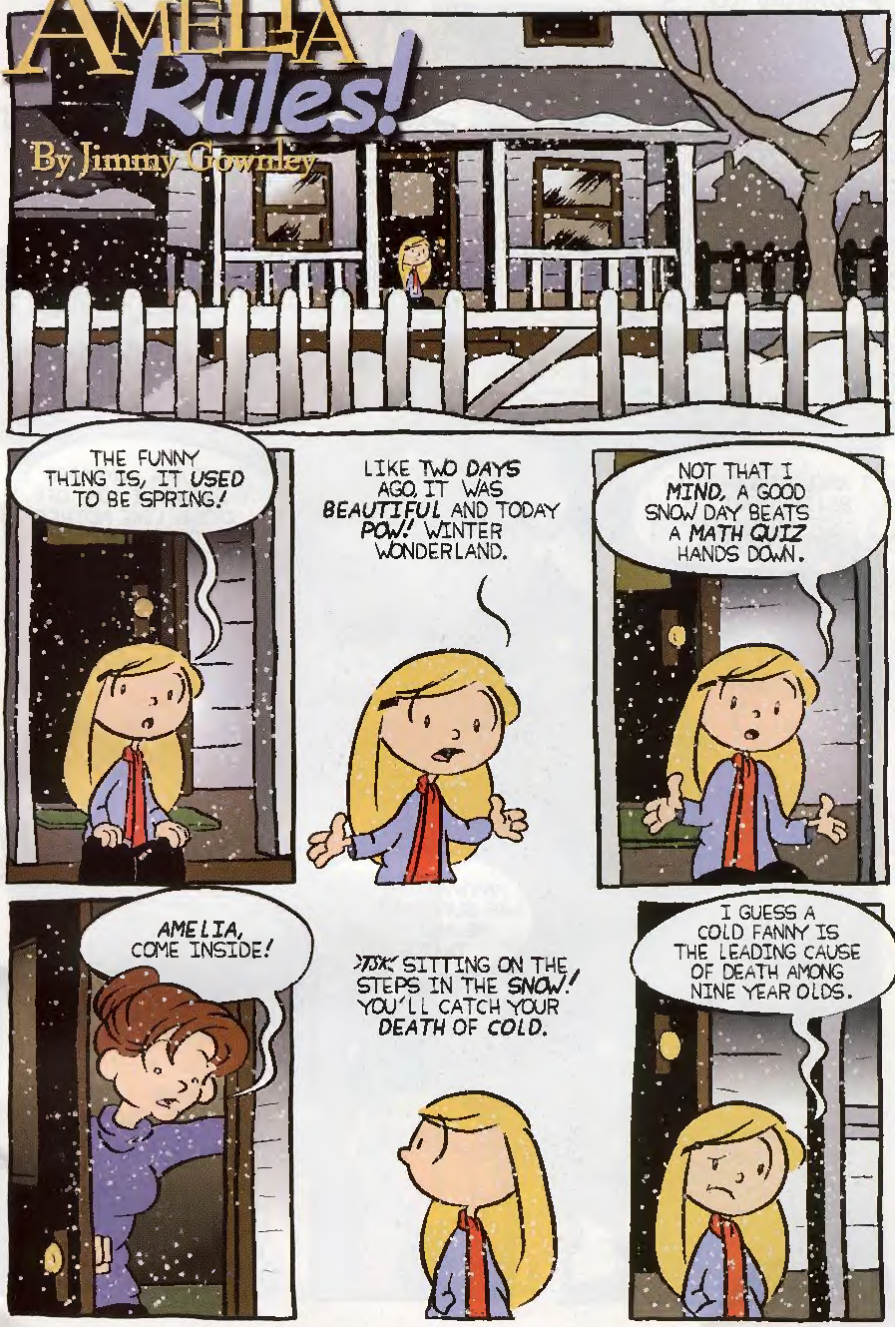
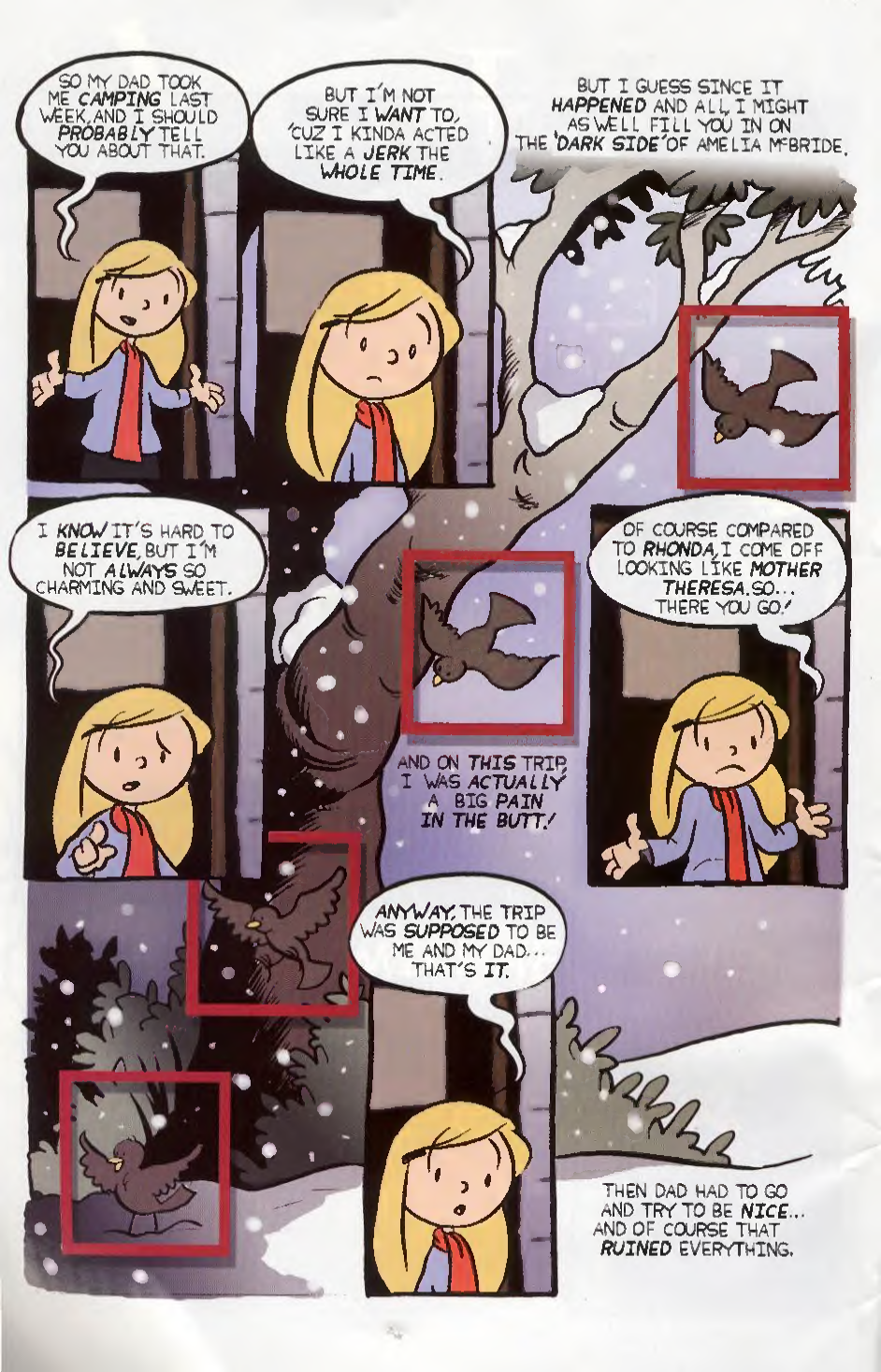
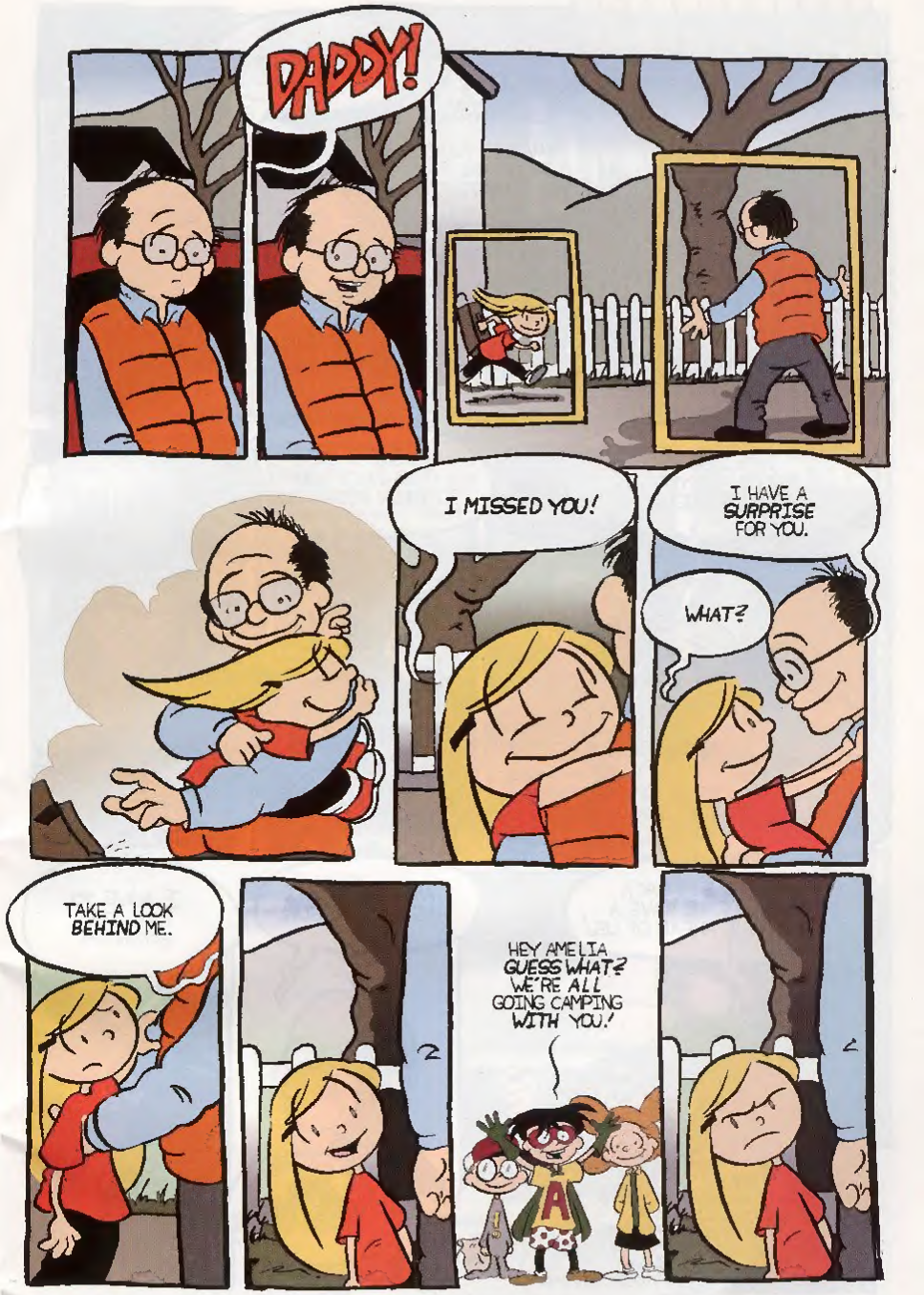
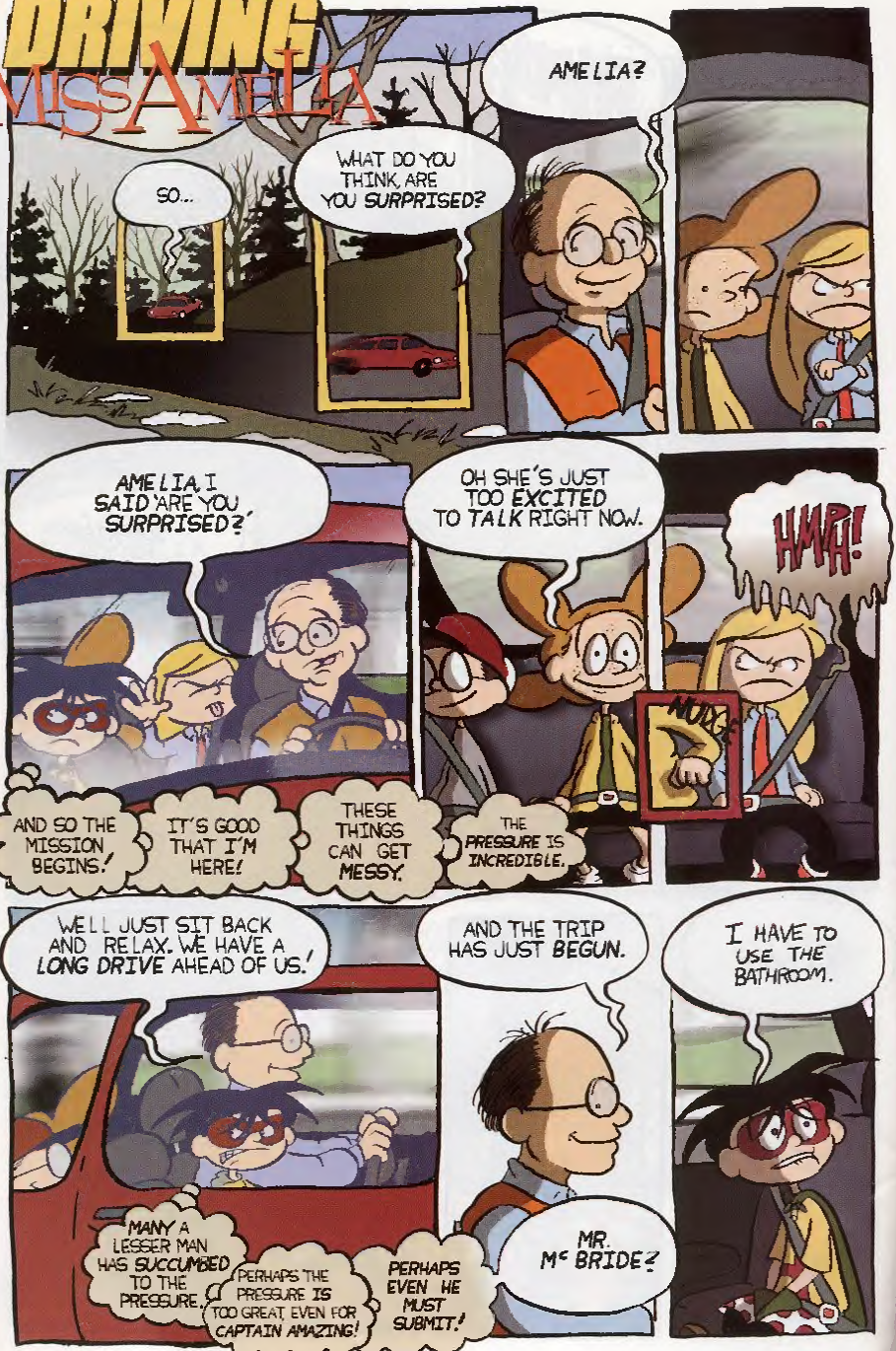

THE FUNNY THING IS, IT USED TO BE SPRING!
LIKE TWO DAYS AGO, IT WAS BEAUTIFUL AND TODAY POW! WINTER WONDERLAND.
NOT THAT I MIND, A GOOD SNOW DAY BEATS A MATH QUIZ HANDS DOWN.
AMELIA, COME INSIDE!
SITTING ON THE STEPS IN THE SNOW! YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD.
I GUESS A COLD FANNY IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG NINE YEAR OLDS.


SO MY DAD TOOK ME CAMPING LAST WEEK, AND I SHOULD PROBABLY TELL YOU ABOUT THAT.
BUT I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO, 'CUZ I KINDA ACTED LIKE A JERK THE WHOLE TIME.
BUT I GUESS SINCE IT HAPPENED AND ALL, I MIGHT AS WELL FILL YOU IN ON THE 'DARK SIDE' OF AMELIA MCBRIDE.
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I'M NOT ALWAYS SO CHARMING AND SWEET.
OF COURSE COMPARED TO RHONDA, I COME OFF LOOKING LIKE MOTHER THERESA. SO... THERE YOU GO.
AND ON THIS TRIP, I WAS ACTUALLY A BIG PAIN IN THE BUTT.
ANYWAY, THE TRIP WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ME AND MY DAD... THAT'S IT.
THEN DAD HAD TO GO AND TRY TO BE NICE... AND OF COURSE THAT RUINED EVERYTHING.


DADDY!
I MISSED YOU!
I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU.
WHAT?
TAKE A LOOK BEHIND ME.
HEY AMELIA GUESS WHAT? WE'RE ALL GOING CAMPING WITH YOU!

DRIVING MISS AMELIA


SO...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ARE YOU SURPRISED?
AMELIA?
AMELIA, I SAID ARE YOU SURPRISED?
OH SHE'S JUST TOO EXCITED TO TALK RIGHT NOW.
HMPH!
AND SO THE MISSION BEGINS!
IT'S GOOD THAT I'M HERE!
THESE THINGS CAN GET MESSY.
THE PRESSURE IS INCREDIBLE.
WELL JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX. WE HAVE A LONG DRIVE AHEAD OF US.
AND THE TRIP HAS JUST BEGUN.
I HAVE TO USE THE BATHROOM.
MANY A LESSER MAN HAS SUCCUMBED TO THE PRESSURE.
PERHAPS THE PRESSURE IS TOO GREAT EVEN FOR CAPTAIN AMAZING!
PERHAPS EVEN HE MUST SUBMIT!
MR. Mc BRIDE?

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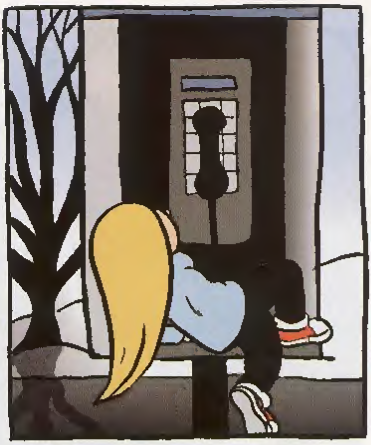

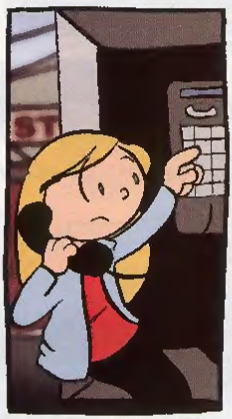

Hi this is Tanner Clark, and since yau have this unlisted number, I prabably wauld like ta talk ta you...

Unfartunately, I'm not home right now sa please leave yaur...

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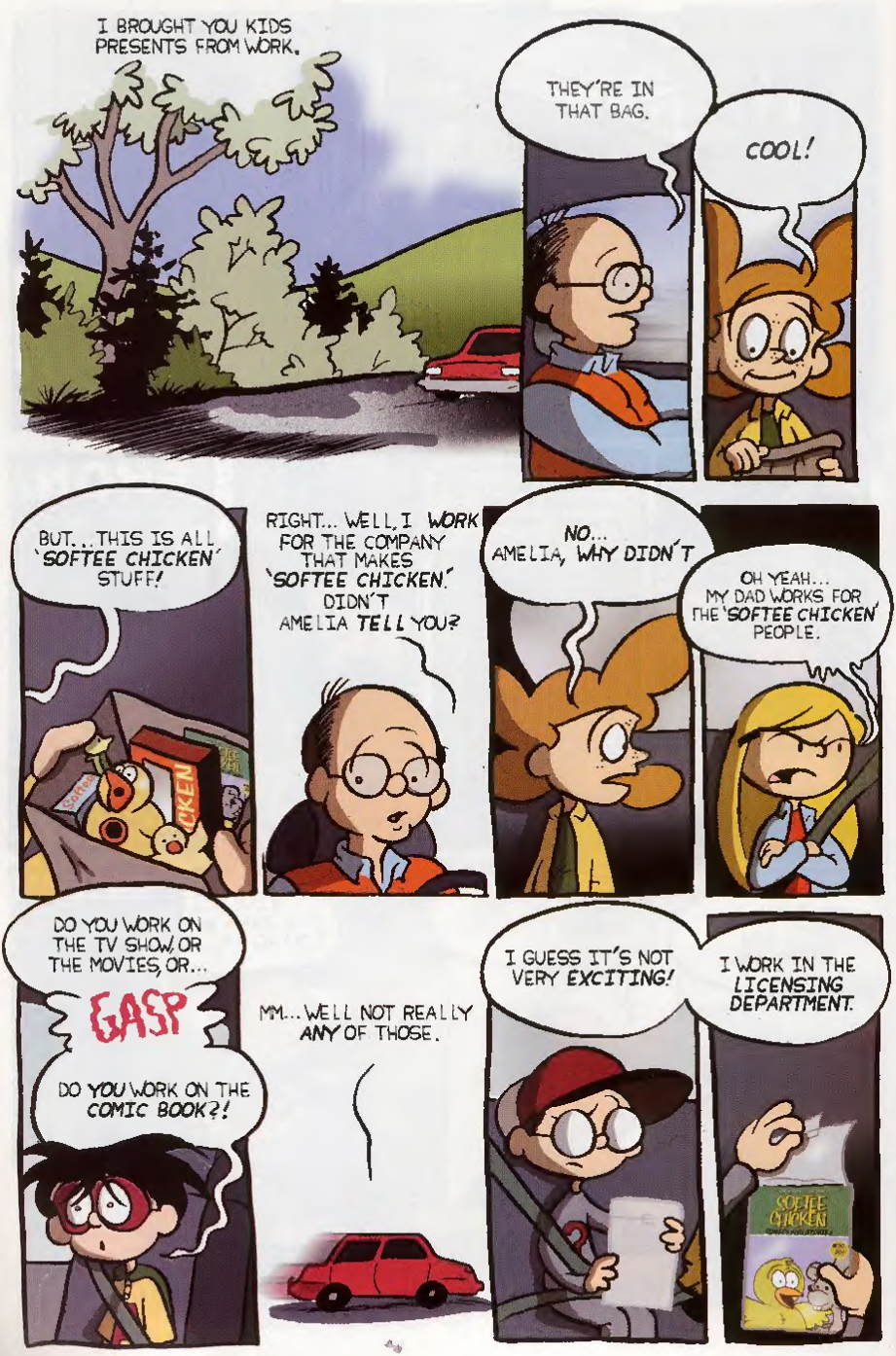
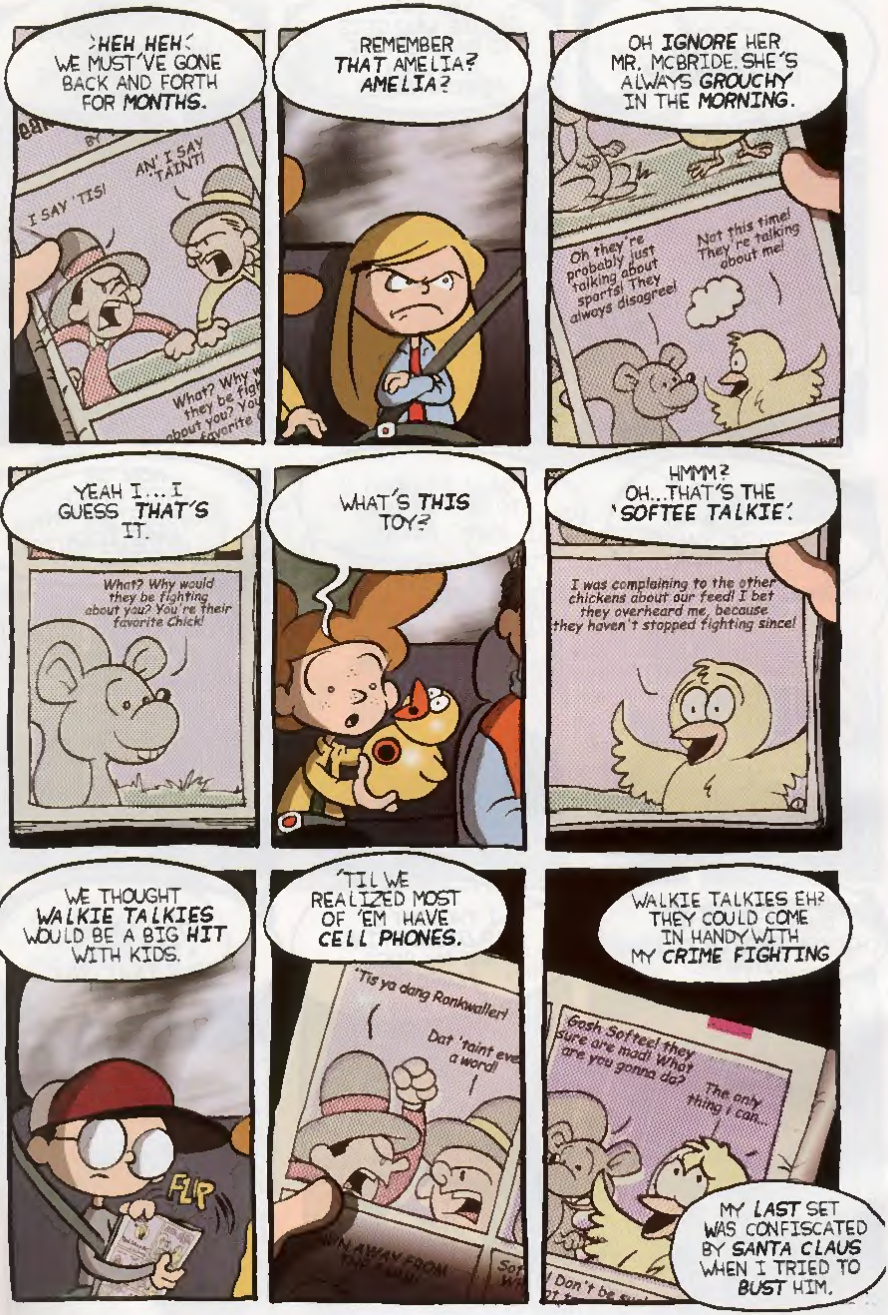
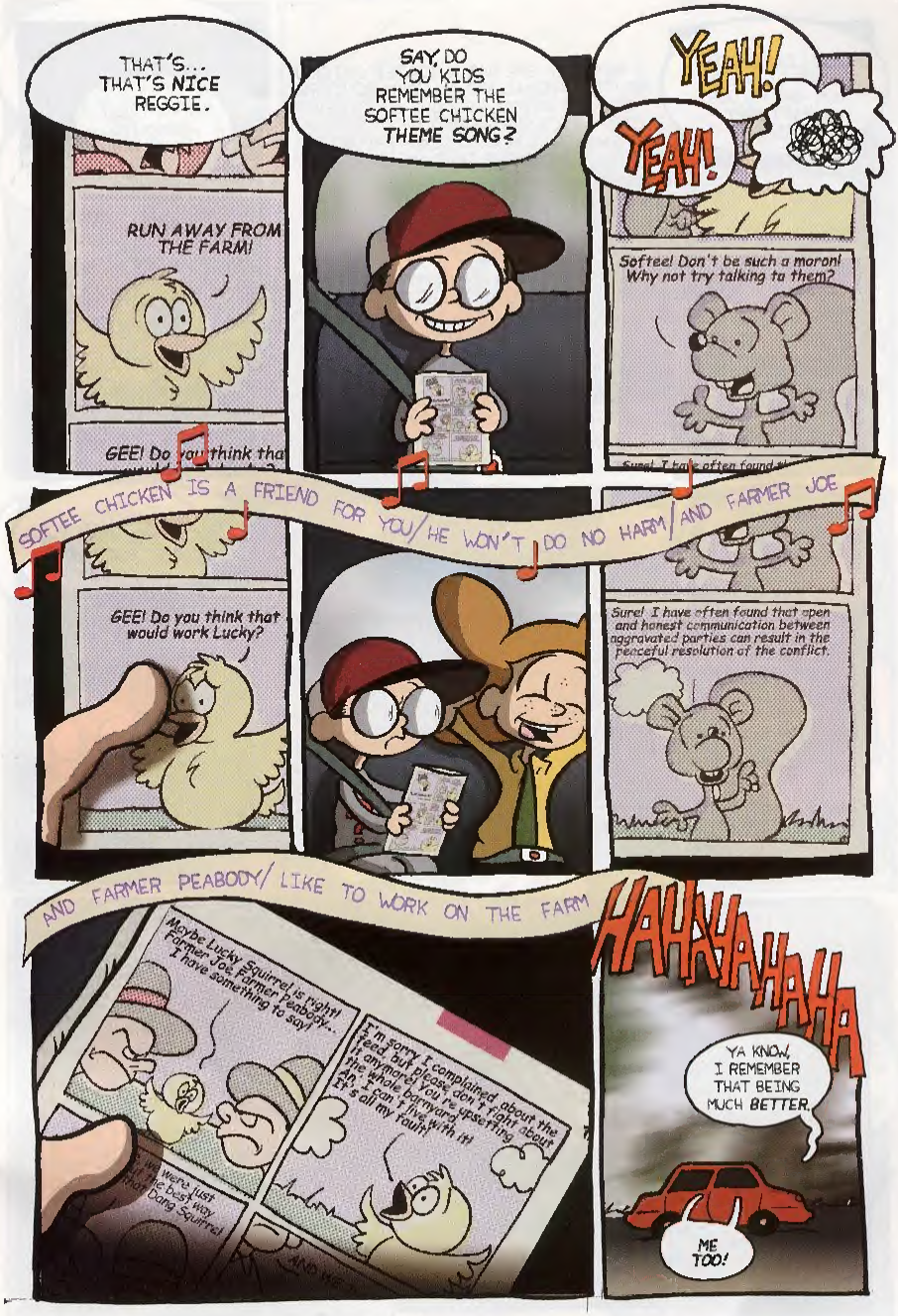

I BROUGHT YOU KIDS PRESENTS FROM WORK.
THEY'RE IN THAT BAG.
COOL!
BUT... THIS IS ALL 'SOFTEE CHICKEN' STUFF!
RIGHT... WELL, I WORK FOR THE COMPANY THAT MAKES 'SOFTEE CHICKEN.' DIDN'T AMELIA TELL YOU?
NO... AMELIA, WHY DIDN'T
OH YEAH... MY DAD WORKS FOR THE 'SOFTEE CHICKEN' PEOPLE.
DO YOU WORK ON THE TV SHOW, OR THE MOVIES, OR...
GASP
DO YOU WORK ON THE COMIC BOOK?!
MM... WELL NOT REALLY ANY OF THOSE.
I GUESS IT'S NOT VERY EXCITING!
I WORK IN THE LICENSING DEPARTMENT.
SOFTEE CHICKEN

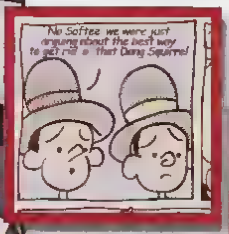
WHAT'S THE 'LICENSING DEPARTMENT'?
WELL, WE DECIDE WHO GETS TO MAKE SOFTEE CHICKEN MERCHANDISE.
FLIP
FLIP
YOU KNOW... LIKE IF SOMEONE WANTS TO MAKE A TOY, WE HAVE TO APPROVE IT.
SOFTEE CHICKEN in "Speak Softee to Me"
GOSH! IT MUST BE HARD DECIDING WHAT STUFF TO MAKE.
WELL, IT USED TO BE... WE WERE VERY PICKY.
NOW, WE PRETTY MUCH 'RUBBERSTAMP' ANY LAME IDEA THAT COMES ALONG.
EXCEPT THIS ONE IDEA FOR SOFTEE CHICKEN FROZEN CHICKEN DINNERS!
SOFTEE CHICKEN in "Speak Softee to Me"
BY P.R. APPLEGATE
I THOUGHT IT WAS DISGUSTING, BUT MY BOSS LOVED IT.
BOY! WE HAD A BIG FIGHT ABOUT THAT ONE!
Hey Softee! What's wrong? You look worried
Oh Lucky! Farmer Joe and Farmer Peabody have been fighting all day!

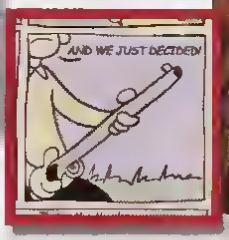

:HEH HEH: WE MUST'VE GONE BACK AND FORTH FOR MONTHS.
I SAY 'TIS!
AN' I SAY 'TAINT!
What? Why would they be fighting about you? You're their favorite
REMEMBER THAT AMELIA? AMELIA?
OH IGNORE HER MR. MCBRIDE. SHE'S ALWAYS GROUCHY IN THE MORNING.
Oh they're probably just talking about sports! They always disagree!
Not this time! They're talking about me!
YEAH I... I GUESS THAT'S IT.
What? Why would they be fighting about you? You're their favorite Chick!
WHAT'S THIS TOY?
HMMM? OH...THAT'S THE 'SOFTEE TALKIE'.
I was complaining to the other chickens about our feed! I bet they overheard me, because they haven't stopped fighting since!
WE THOUGHT WALKIE TALKIES WOULD BE A BIG HIT WITH KIDS.
FLIP
'TIL WE REALIZED MOST OF 'EM HAVE CELL PHONES.
'Tis ya dang Rankwaller!
Dat 'taint eve a word!
WALKIE TALKIES EH? THEY COULD COME IN HANDY WITH MY CRIME FIGHTING
Gosh Softee! they sure are mad! What are you gonna do?
The only thing I can...
MY LAST SET WAS CONFISCATED BY SANTA CLAUS WHEN I TRIED TO BUST HIM.


THAT'S... THAT'S NICE REGGIE.
RUN AWAY FROM THE FARM!
GEE! Do you think tha
SAY, DO YOU KIDS REMEMBER THE SOFTEE CHICKEN THEME SONG?
YEAH!
YEAH!
Softee! Don't be such a moron! Why not try talking to them?
SOFTEE CHICKEN IS A FRIEND FOR YOU/ HE WON'T DO NO HARM/ AND FARMER JOE
GEE! Do you think that would work Lucky?
Sure! I have often found that open and honest communication between aggravated parties can result in the peaceful resolution of the conflict.
AND FARMER PEABODY/ LIKE TO WORK ON THE FARM
Maybe Lucky Squirrel is right! Farmer Joe, Farmer Peabody... I have something to say!
I'm sorry I complained about the feed, but please don't fight about it anymore! You're upsetting the whole barnyard! An' I can't live with it! It's all my fault!
We were just on the back way! Dang Squirrel
HAHAHAHAHA
YA KNOW, I REMEMBER THAT BEING MUCH BETTER.
ME TOO!

AMELIA USED TO LOVE IT, SHE'D RUN AROUND OUR APARTMENT SINGING IT

I REMEMBER SHE HAD A SOFTEE CHICKEN STUFFED ANIMAL, AND A LUCKY SQUIRREL STUFFED ANIMAL. HEH. SHE COULD NEVER DECIDE WHICH SHE WANTED TO TAKE TO BED. SHE COULD NEVER PICK A FAVORITE. REMEMBER THAT AMELIA?



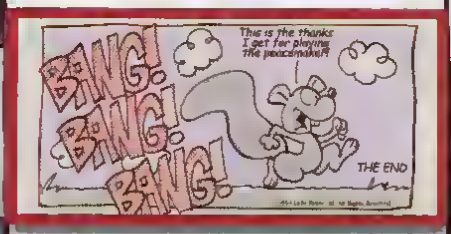


Aren't you going to answer him?

Shut up!

GUESS NOT.

WELL, AHEM. IT WAS A VERY LONG TIME AGO.

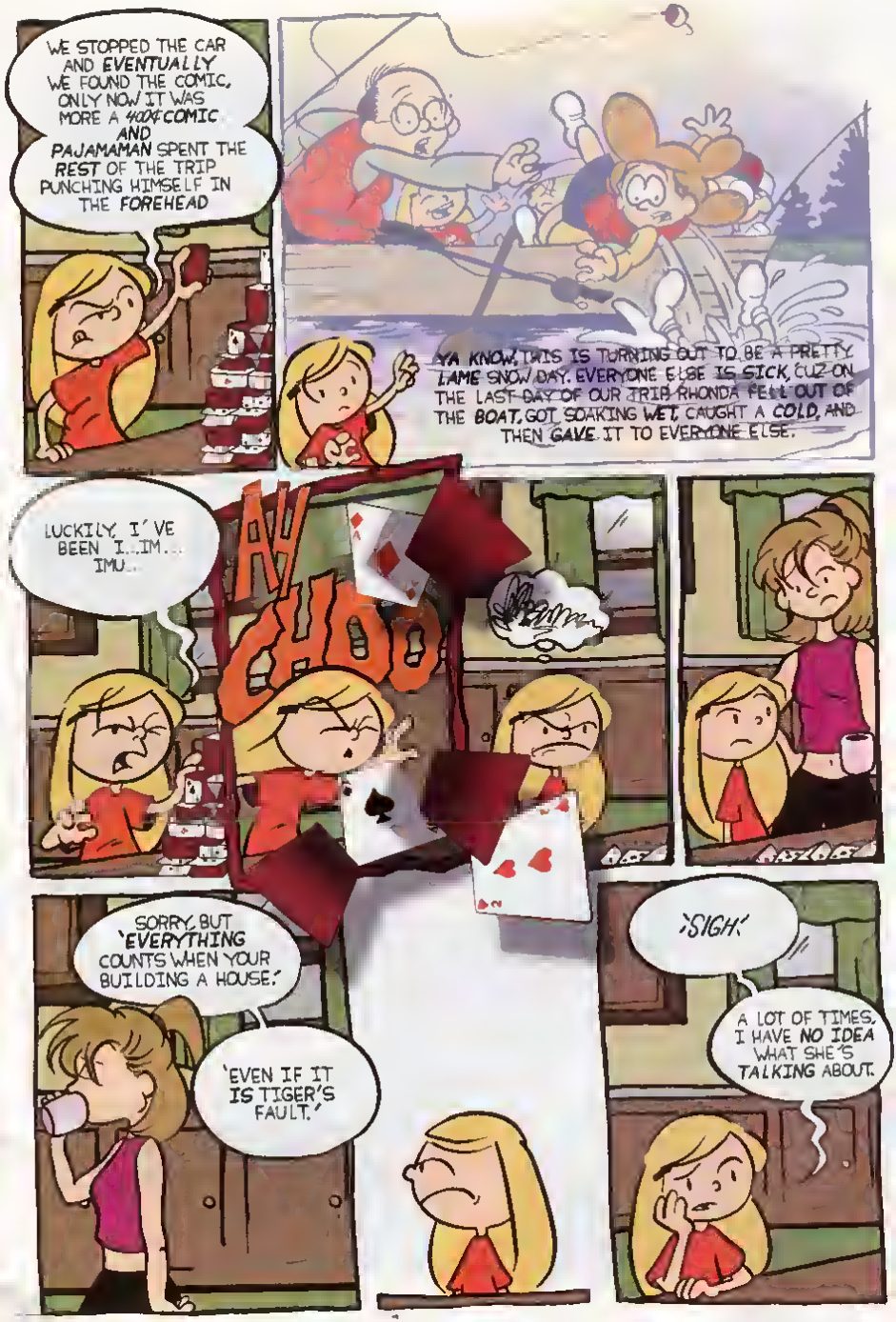


ANYWAY, DID ONE OF YOU FIND THE COMIC BOOK YET?

'I KNOW IT'S CORNY, BUT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GET A KICK OUT OF IT.'

Now Leaving PENNSYLVANIA
Thanks for Visiting
Come Again Soon.

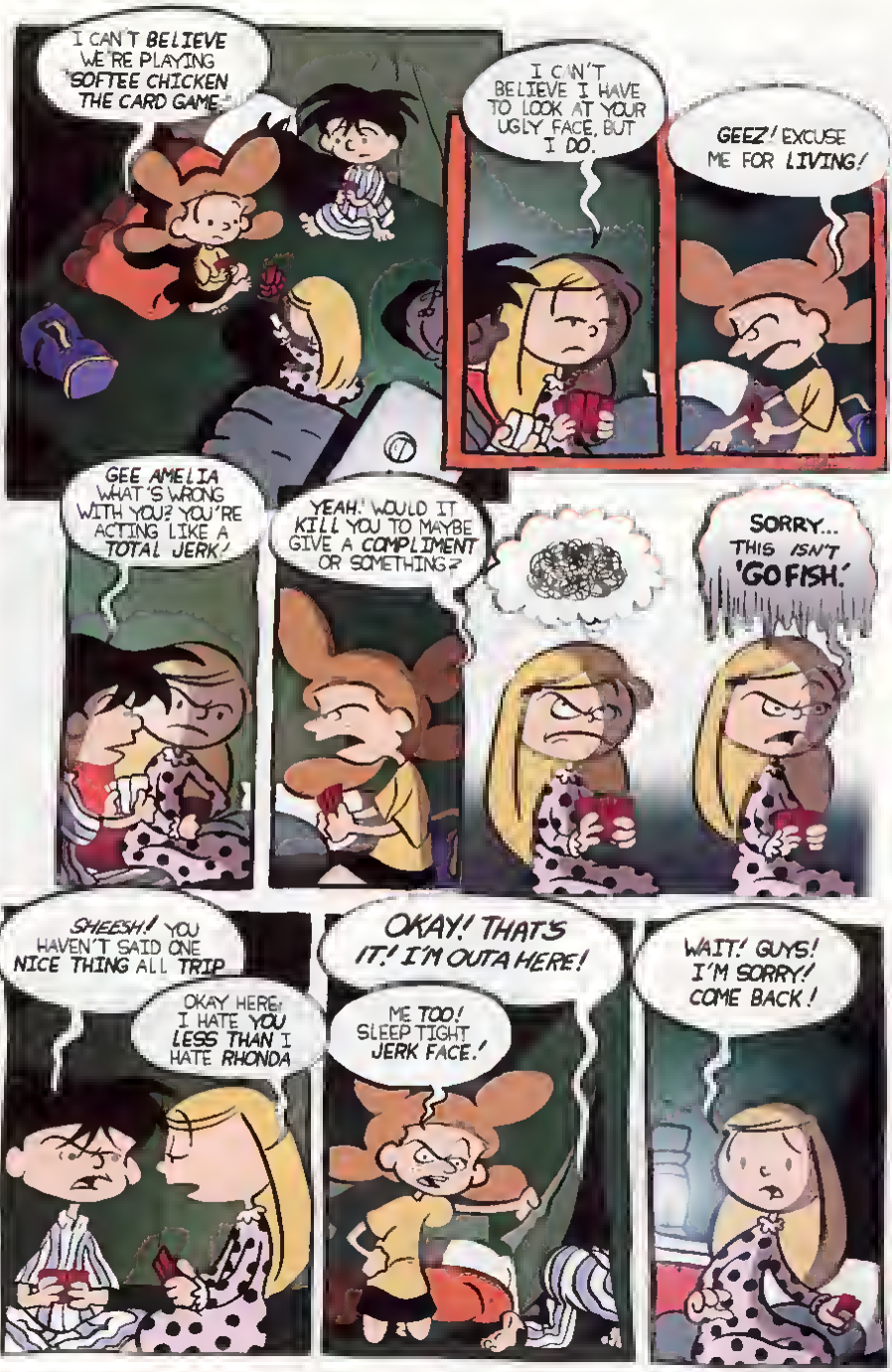
'IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU SEE A $400 COMIC BOOK.'


WE STOPPED THE CAR AND EVENTUALLY WE FOUND THE COMIC, ONLY NOW IT WAS MORE A 404 COMIC AND PAJAMAMAN SPENT THE REST OF THE TRIP PUNCHING HIMSELF IN THE FOREHEAD
YA KNOW, THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE A PRETTY LAME SNOW DAY. EVERYONE ELSE IS SICK, CUZ ON THE LAST DAY OF OUR TRIP RHONDA FELL OUT OF THE BOAT, GOT SOAKING WET, CAUGHT A COLD, AND THEN GAVE IT TO EVERYONE ELSE.
LUCKILY, I'VE BEEN I...IM... IMU...
AH CHOO
SORRY, BUT 'EVERYTHING COUNTS WHEN YOUR BUILDING A HOUSE.'
'EVEN IF IT IS TIGER'S FAULT.'
'SIGH.'
A LOT OF TIMES, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT.

SO WE GOT TO THE CAMPGROUND PRETTY LATE AND EVERYONE FELL RIGHT ASLEEP
EVERYONE EXCEPT ME
The Dark of Night Strikes Again
PSSST RHONDA, YOU AWAKE?
SNORK
BONK!
HEY!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
I CAN'T SLEEP.

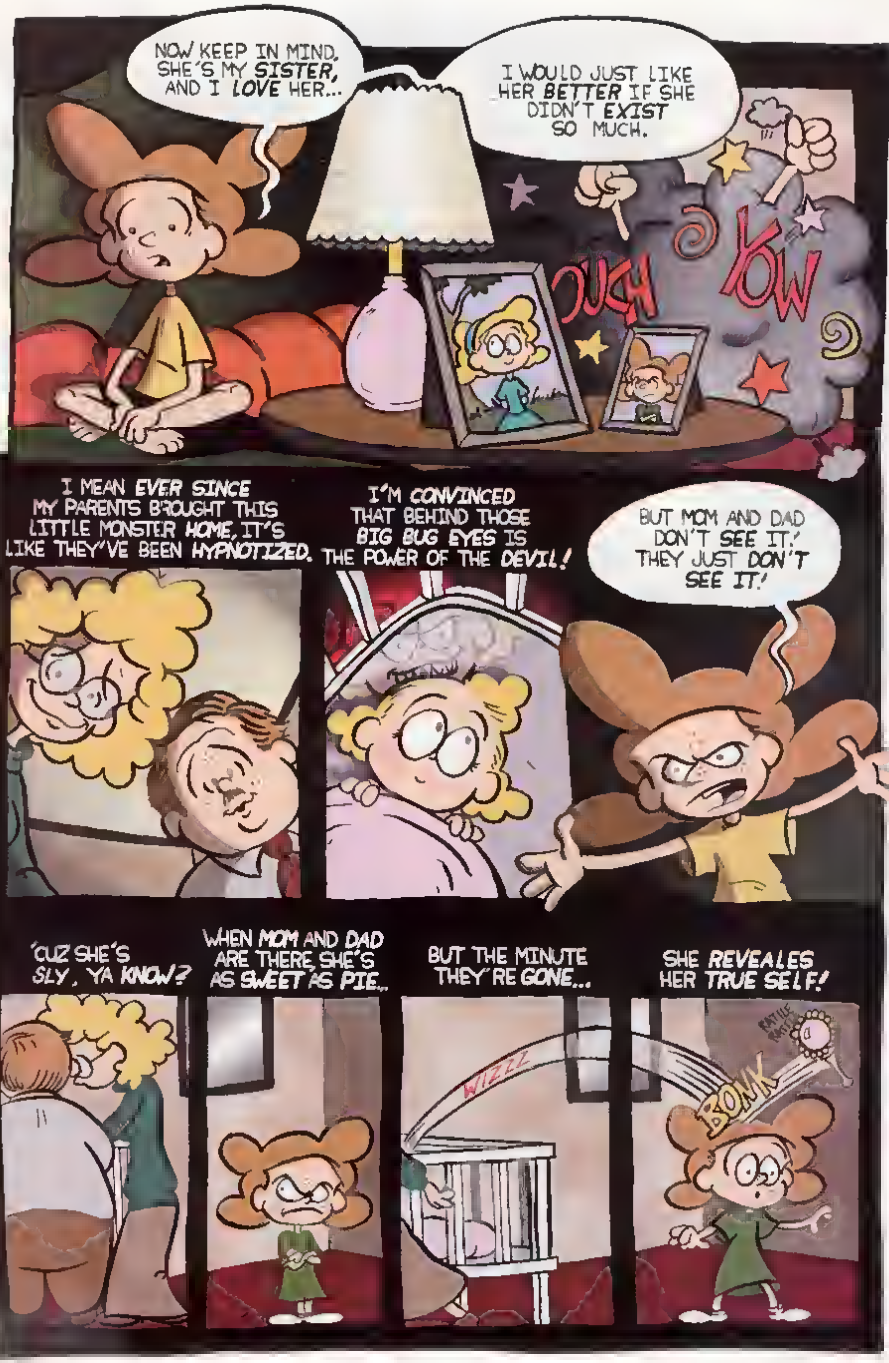
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
SING YOU A LULLABY?
I STILL HAVE ANOTHER SHOE.
FINE... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO?
YES.
SLEEP.
GOOD... CARDS IT IS.
YA KNOW, YOU'RE A...
STOMP STOMP STOMP
WHAT'S THAT?
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
IT'S COMING IN!

WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
WAP!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
SMAK!
OOPS.
Hi Grrls.
Was Happenin...?
REGGIE, THIS IS THE GIRLS' TENT!
LET'S KEEP HITTIN' HIM.
GEEZ. WILL YOU TWO RELAX! I JUST COULDN'T SLEEP.
PAJAMAMAN WAS SNORING AND YOUR DAD'S FEET SMELL LIKE STALE CHEESE AND MOTOR OIL
CONGRATULATIONS AMELIA! HE IS YOUR REAL FATHER!
HOW'D YOU LIKE TO SLEEP IN THE LAKE, SMART MOUTH?!
LADIES PLEASE!
CAN WE PLEASE DO SOMETHING CIVIL?


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE PLAYING 'SOFTEE CHICKEN THE CARD GAME.'
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO LOOK AT YOUR UGLY FACE, BUT I DO.
GEEZ! EXCUSE ME FOR LIVING!
GEE AMELIA WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A TOTAL JERK!
YEAH! WOULD IT KILL YOU TO MAYBE GIVE A COMPLIMENT OR SOMETHING?
SORRY... THIS ISN'T 'GO FISH.'
SHEESH! YOU HAVEN'T SAID ONE NICE THING ALL TRIP.
OKAY HERE: I HATE YOU LESS THAN I HATE RHONDA
OKAY! THAT'S IT! I'M OUTA HERE!
ME TOO! SLEEP TIGHT JERK FACE.'
WAIT! GUYS! I'M SORRY! COME BACK!

C'MON GUYS PLEASE!
PLEASE!
FINE.
SEE, I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE ME!
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE APART FROM ALL THIS CHARM?
AM I RIGHT?
LOOK GUYS, I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST THIS TRIP, IT'S... NOT WHAT I EXPECTED.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SUCH A JERK.

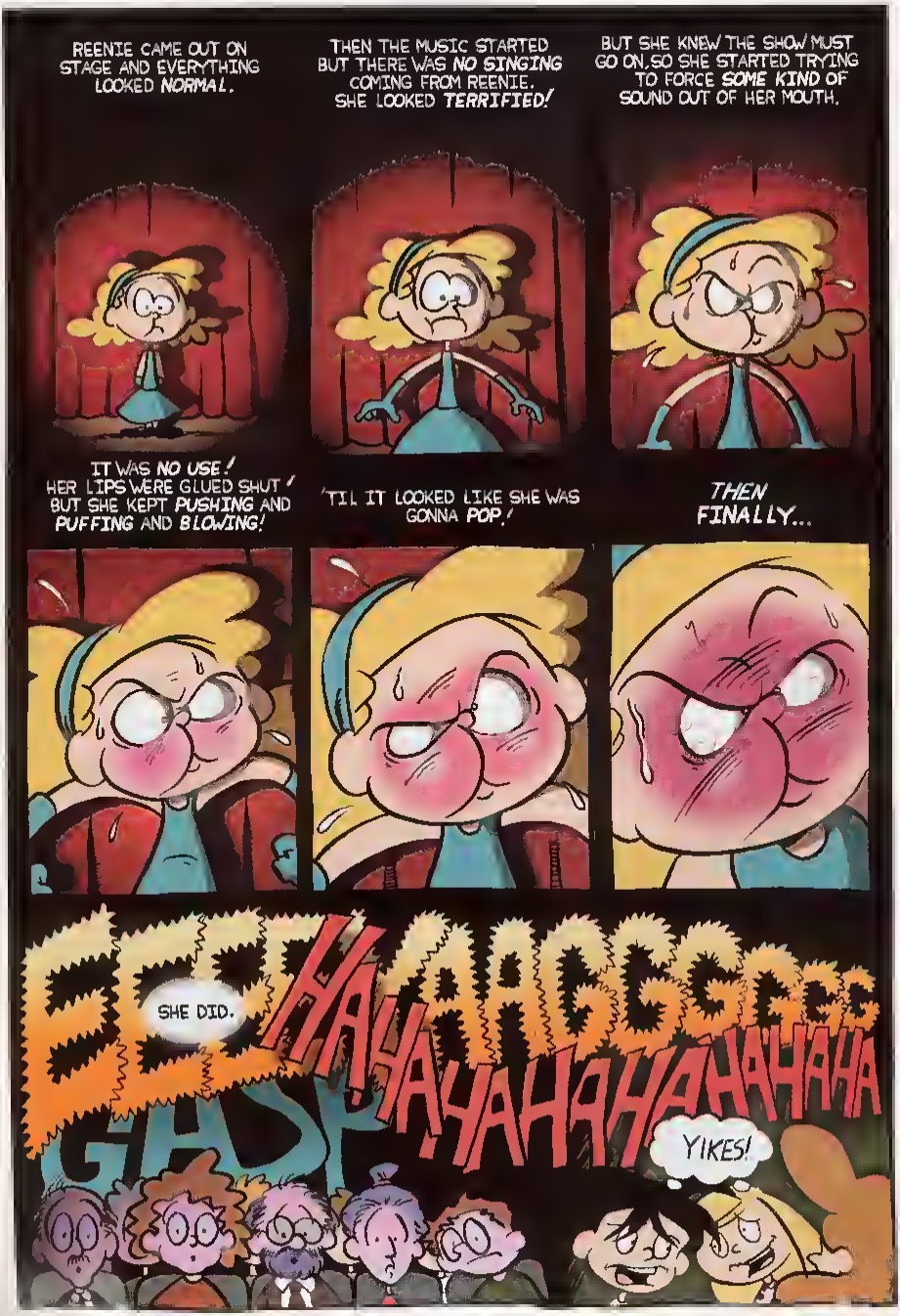
WELL I GUESS WE CAN LET IT SLIDE.
IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I'VE BEEN A JERK ONCE OR TWICE
REALLY. I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED
AMELIA...
I.. I HAVE A STORY THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.
THAT'S OKAY RHONDA I ALREADY...
PLEASE?
IT.. IT'S ABOUT MY SISTER REENIE
WAIT A SEC. YOU HAVE A SISTER NAMED REENIE?
YEAH . SO?
REENIE BLEENIE?
YES WELL...
HER REAL NAME'S MARINA.
'REENIE' IS HER STAGE NAME.
OKAY. THIS I HAVE TO HEAR.


NOW KEEP IN MIND, SHE'S MY SISTER, AND I LOVE HER...
I WOULD JUST LIKE HER BETTER IF SHE DIDN'T EXIST SO MUCH.
OUCH
YOW
I MEAN EVER SINCE MY PARENTS BROUGHT THIS LITTLE MONSTER HOME, IT'S LIKE THEY'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED.
I'M CONVINCED THAT BEHIND THOSE BIG BUG EYES IS THE POWER OF THE DEVIL!
BUT MOM AND DAD DON'T SEE IT! THEY JUST DON'T SEE IT!
'CUZ SHE'S SLY, YA KNOW?
WHEN MOM AND DAD ARE THERE, SHE'S AS SWEET AS PIE...
BUT THE MINUTE THEY'RE GONE...
WIZZ
SHE REVEALS HER TRUE SELF!
BONK

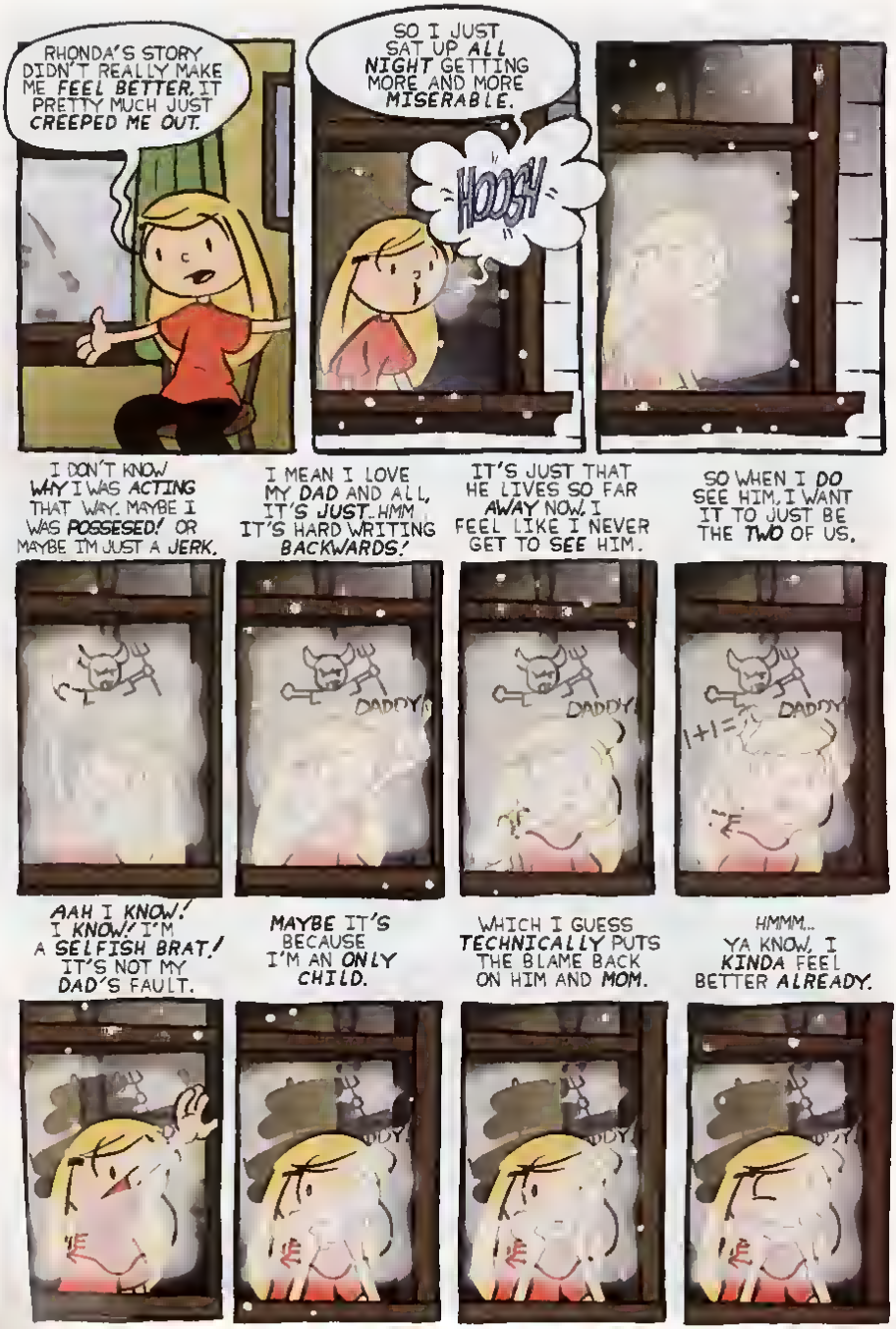
AND LIKE ON A SCALE OF ONE TO AMELIA WITH ONE BEING GOOD AND AMELIA BEING THE WORST...
SHE'S AMELIA PLUS FIVE!
BUT MY PARENTS DON'T GET IT!
I MEAN SHE CAN BE DOING THE MOST DISGUSTING THINGS...
AND ALL THEY SEE IS ST. REENIE THE ARCHANGEL!
THE WORST THOUGH IS THAT LAST YEAR THEY GOT IT IN THEIR HEADS TO ENTER HER IN THESE JUNIOR BEAUTY PAGEANTS. WELL ONCE SHE GOT HER FIRST RIBBON, THAT WAS IT.! NOW ALL MY FOLKS DO IS HAUL HER AROUND TO THESE STUPID COMPETITIONS SO SHE CAN GET MORE TROPHIES AND THE REALLY AGGRAVATING THING IS SHE KEEPS WINNING BECAUSE (AND I'LL GIVE HER THIS) SHE SINGS LIKE AN ANGEL.
1ST
SO ONE NIGHT I GOT SENT TO MY ROOM FOR ASKING IF REENIE EVER WON BEST IN SHOW.' I WAS SO MAD I COULDN'T SLEEP SO I JUST LAID THERE STEWING. THEN, WHEN EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP, I SNUCK INTO REENIE'S ROOM AND DID THE WORST THING. I'VE EVER DONE... I SABOTAGED HER LIP GLOSS!
RHONDA KEEP OUT
Reenie's ROOM
RHONDA KEEP OUT

WHAT DID YOU PUT IN IT?
NOTHING! FORGET IT!
WAS IT LEMON JUICE?
TOBASCO SAUCE?
TURPENTINE?
GLUE!
KRAZY...
GLUE.
HAHAHA HAHAHA HA
RHONDA YOU DIDN'T!

IT WASN'T EVEN LIKE IT WAS ME!
THE NEXT DAY, I DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER DOING IT, BUT THAT NIGHT WE WERE AT ONE OF REENIE'S COMPETITIONS.
PAWT PAWT PAWT PAWT
TAP
TAPTY TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAPTY TAP
TAP TAP TAP
WHILE ONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS WAS HOOFING HER WAY THROUGH THIS TRAIN WRECK OF A TAP DANCE ROUTINE, REENIE WENT IN FOR HER PRE-PERFORMANCE GLOSS UP.
I TOTALLY FREAKED! I WANTED TO STOP HER, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! REENIE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG... BUT SHE COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING (OBVIOUSLY). I WENT TO MY SEAT AND WAITED FOR REENIE TO GO ON.

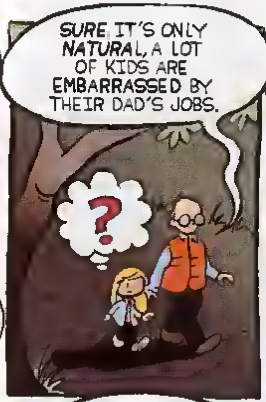

REENIE CAME OUT ON STAGE AND EVERYTHING LOOKED NORMAL.
THEN THE MUSIC STARTED BUT THERE WAS NO SINGING COMING FROM REENIE. SHE LOOKED TERRIFIED!
BUT SHE KNEW THE SHOW MUST GO ON, SO SHE STARTED TRYING TO FORCE SOME KIND OF SOUND OUT OF HER MOUTH.
IT WAS NO USE! HER LIPS WERE GLUED SHUT! BUT SHE KEPT PUSHING AND PUFFING AND BLOWING!
'TIL IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS GONNA POP!
THEN FINALLY...
SHE DID.
GASP
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
YIKES!

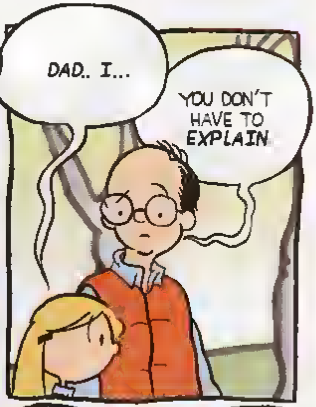
SO DO YOU SEE WHY YOU SHOULD FEEL BETTER?
NO.
WELL, YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT BEING A JERK, BUT REENIE IS JUST AS MUCH OF A JERK, AND I CAN BE AN EVEN BIGGER JERK IF I WANT TO! SO YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF JERKS! IN FACT MAYBE EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS A JERK!
ISN'T THAT GREAT?!
WHAT?
WHAT?!
WHAT?

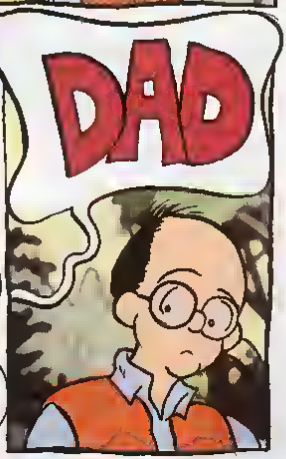

RHONDA'S STORY DIDN'T REALLY MAKE ME FEEL BETTER. IT PRETTY MUCH JUST CREEPED ME OUT.
SO I JUST SAT UP ALL NIGHT GETTING MORE AND MORE MISERABLE.
HOOSH
I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS ACTING THAT WAY. MAYBE I WAS POSSESED! OR MAYBE IM JUST A JERK.
I MEAN I LOVE MY DAD AND ALL, IT'S JUST..HMM IT'S HARD WRITING BACKWARDS!
IT'S JUST THAT HE LIVES SO FAR AWAY NOW. I FEEL LIKE I NEVER GET TO SEE HIM.
SO WHEN I DO SEE HIM, I WANT IT TO JUST BE THE TWO OF US.
DADDY
DADDY
DADDY
1+1=
AAH I KNOW! I KNOW! I'M A SELFISH BRAT! IT'S NOT MY DAD'S FAULT.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M AN ONLY CHILD.
WHICH I GUESS TECHNICALLY PUTS THE BLAME BACK ON HIM AND MOM.
HMMM.. YA KNOW, I KINDA FEEL BETTER ALREADY.

I WOKE UP THE NEXT MORNING, AND MY DAD WAS UP AND WAITING FOR ME, WE WENT FOR A WALK WHILE THE OTHERS WERE SLEEPING.

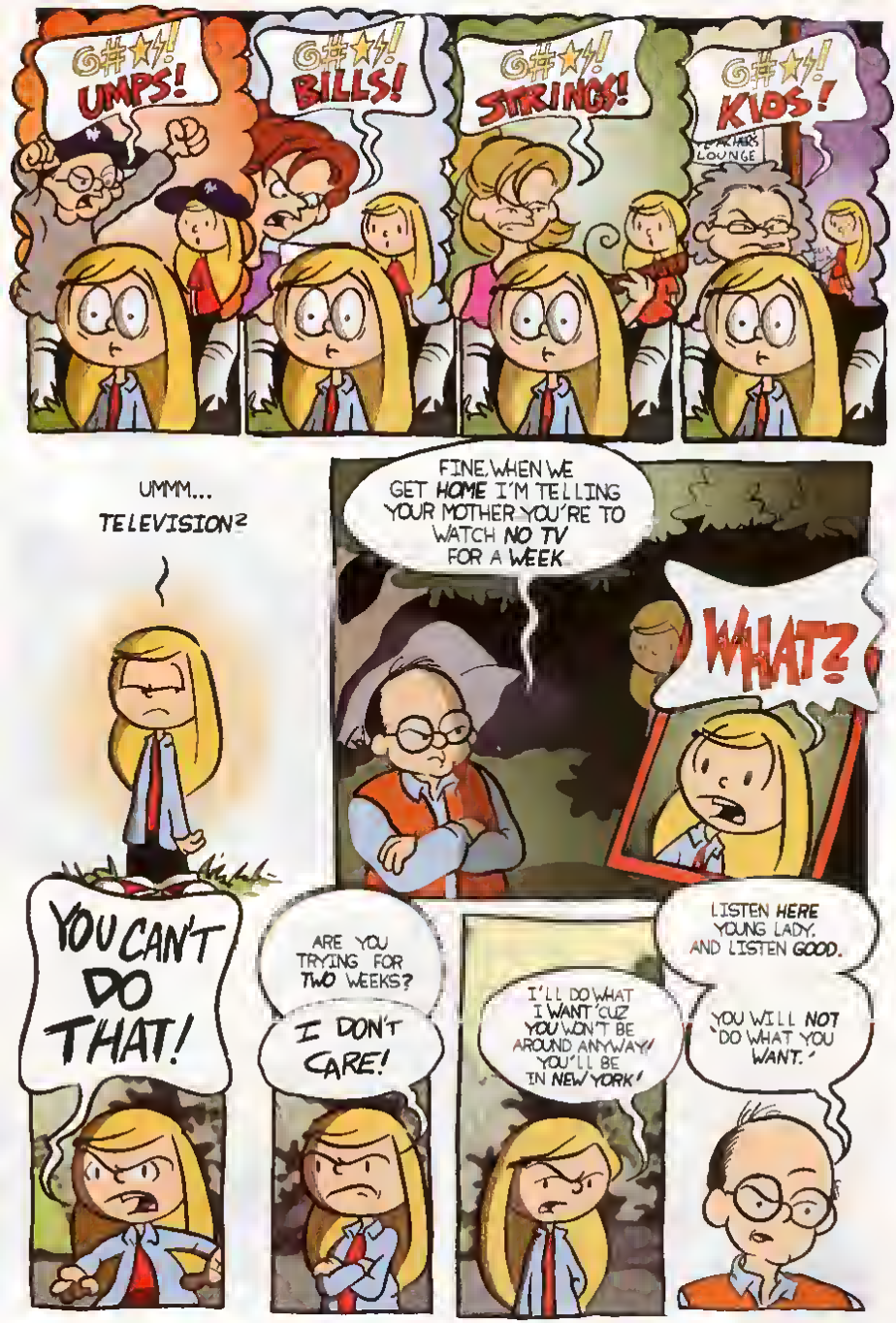
SPEAK SOFTEE TO ME Part 2



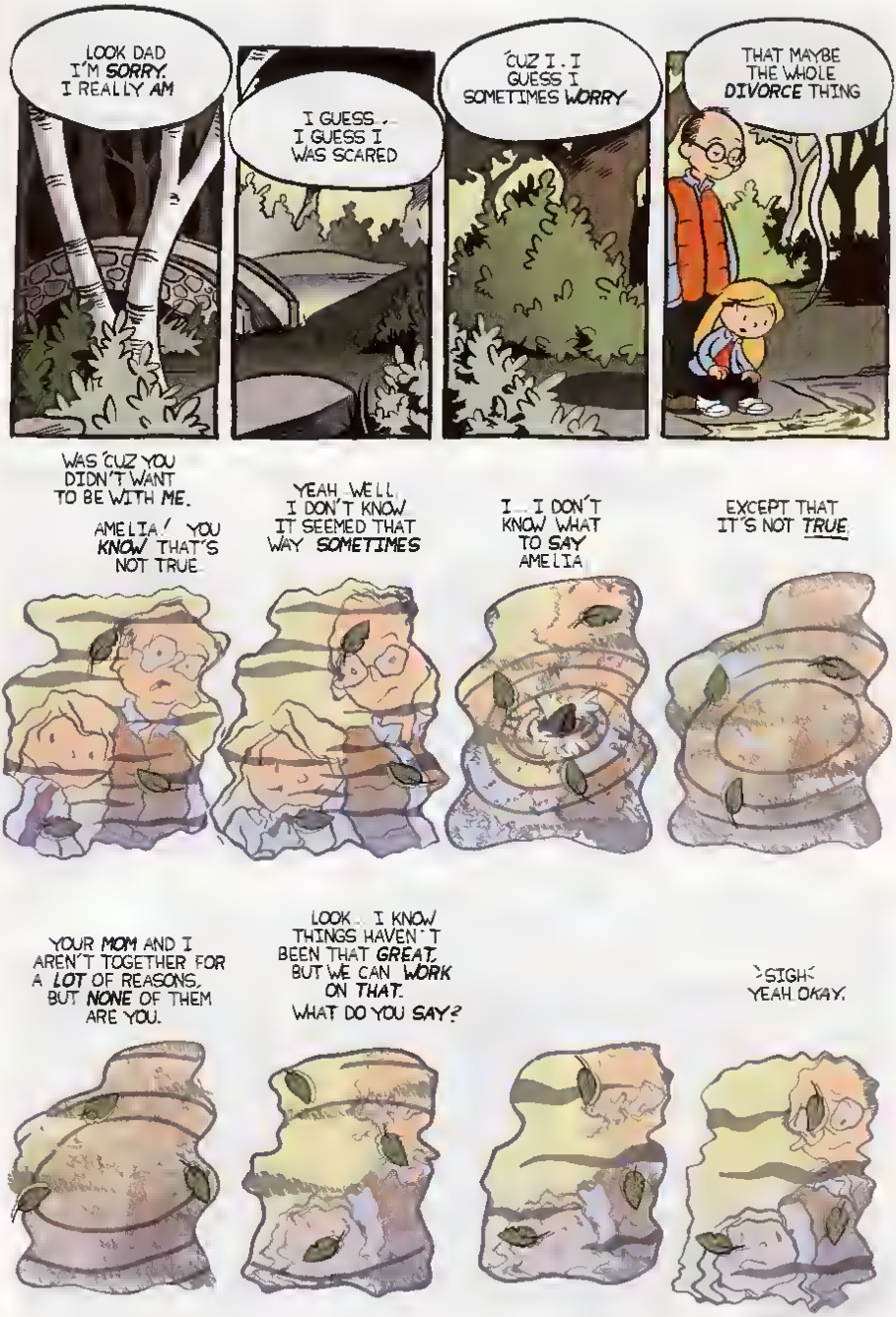




THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SOFTEE CHICKEN!
FORGET IT OKAY!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE TENT
OOF!
G#★⚡!
umm... I...
YOUNG LADY, WHERE DID YOU HEAR LANGUAGE LIKE THAT?


G#★!
UMPS!
G#★!
BILLS!
G#★!
STRINGS!
G#★!
KIDS!
LOUNGE
UMMM...
TELEVISION?
FINE. WHEN WE GET HOME I'M TELLING YOUR MOTHER YOU'RE TO WATCH NO TV FOR A WEEK.
WHAT?
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
ARE YOU TRYING FOR TWO WEEKS?
I DON'T CARE!
I'LL DO WHAT I WANT 'CUZ YOU WON'T BE AROUND ANYWAY! YOU'LL BE IN NEW YORK!
LISTEN HERE YOUNG LADY. AND LISTEN GOOD.
YOU WILL NOT 'DO WHAT YOU WANT.'

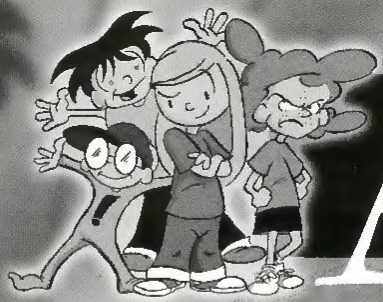
YOU WILL DO AS I SAY.
BECAUSE I KNOW THINGS AREN'T PERFECT, AND I KNOW I'M NOT PERFECT...
BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT I'M STILL YOUR FATHER. UNDERSTAND?
I SAID DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES SIR
AMELIA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I BROUGHT YOUR FRIENDS BECAUSE I WANTED TO MEET THEM
PLUS I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT.
?
BUT THE WAY YOU ACT..
WHY DID YOU WANT TO MEET THEM?
BECAUSE THEY'RE A PART OF YOUR LIFE.
AND I MAY BE YOUR DAD,
BUT I HAVEN'T FELT LIKE A VERY BIG PART OF YOUR LIFE.
AT LEAST NOT LATELY.


LOOK DAD I'M SORRY. I REALLY AM
I GUESS... I GUESS I WAS SCARED
'CUZ I.. I GUESS I SOMETIMES WORRY
THAT MAYBE THE WHOLE DIVORCE THING
WAS 'CUZ YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH ME.
AMELIA! YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YEAH. WELL. I DON'T KNOW. IT SEEMED THAT WAY SOMETIMES
I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY AMELIA
EXCEPT THAT IT'S NOT TRUE.
YOUR MOM AND I AREN'T TOGETHER FOR A LOT OF REASONS, BUT NONE OF THEM ARE YOU.
LOOK... I KNOW THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN THAT GREAT, BUT WE CAN WORK ON THAT. WHAT DO YOU SAY?
>SIGH< YEAH. OKAY.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S OFFICIALLY MORNING. THE SUN'S ALL THE WAY UP.
"THE SUN'S NOT YELLOW, IT'S CHICKEN."
HA HA HA HA
THAT'S PRETTY FUNNY.
YEAH, YOUR AUNT USED TO SAY IT ALL THE TIME
I THINK IT'S FROM A SONG
ONE OF HER'S?
I DON'T THINK SO.
MOM MADE US ALL WATCH THE SOFTEE CHICKEN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL.
WHAT?! REALLY?!
YEP.
WOW.
YOU..YOU KNOW THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING THOUGH..RIGHT?
I KNOW.
BUT IT DID TO ME.
YEAH.
ME TOO.
AM I STILL GONNA BE PUNISHED?
OH YEAH

LIFE IS LIKE A NEW YORK EGG CREME!
IT HAS THE CHOCOLATY GOODNESS OF U-BETS SYRUP...
THE WHOLESOME FORTIFICATION OF 2% MILK...
THE..UH...THE BUBBLES OF..UM... SELTZER WATER...
AND... UH...
OKAY, I WAS STRETCHING. LIFE IS NOTHING LIKE AN EGG CREME
IT SHOULD BE THOUGH! AN EGG CREME WOULDN'T MAKE ME SPEND THE NIGHT IN A TENT WITH RHONDA!
BUT IF LIFE WERE AN EGG CREME, MAYBE IT WOUDN'T CONTAIN EGG CREMES, AND WE'D ALL HAVE TO DRINK 'YOO HOO'!
I KNOW, SOMETIMES I CAN BE PRETTY DEEP... BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY AND KEEP UP!
MILK
SELTZER
U-BETS

ANYWAY, THAT'S THE STORY OF MY BIG CAMPING TRIP. I CHEERED UP AND WE EVEN MANAGED TO HAVE SOME FUN.
AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD TO TALK TO MY DAD LIKE THAT. I THINK THINGS ARE GONNA BE ALRIGHT NOW.
I MEAN I KNOW IT'S GONNA BE HARD AND ALL, BUT I REALLY THINK...UH...I I REALLY...UMM...
WHAT?
WHAT?
OH...
HAHAHA
SO MATURE OF YOU!
SOOOOOOO MATURE!
SELTZER
U-BET
MILK



A-MAIL

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Before we start aff this manth's letters, I'd like ta thank everybody wha made aur charity auctian a success! We raised aver $500 far a great charity. Thank you!

Hello Mr. Gownley,

I recently bought issues 2-4 of Amelia Rules. I haven't laughed this hard in years! What a great comic! I've been telling everybody at my local comicshop to pick this book up. It's worth every penny. Thanks for a great read! Your right up there with Jeff Smith in my humble opinion. P.S. I'm having a hard time finding issue one of the series. Is there a goodplace to look on-line for it?

Sincerely,
Shane Wheeler
Indianapolis,IN

I know a lat af stares an line listed #1 but I'm not sure who still has it in stack. Hawever, anyane missing early issues, see aur annauncement at the bottam af the page.

Dear Jimmy,

A friend was visiting from NY (taking a well deserved break from the aftermath of 9/11) and brought Amelia Rules #2 as a gift to me. Now don't get the wrong idea! He was certain it would make my head spin and set off car alarms for miles around. Why, you might ask? Well, firstly, my name is Amelia and secondly everyone who has read the comic wants to know how it is that you know me so well! The closing panel of each section with the notes on the "Permanent Record" were so close to the bone that several of my co-workers were reduced to quivering puddles of hysterical ooze! I've done some research over the years and have discovered that all Amelias are quite mad, but very interesting. As I am originally from NY, and was involved in the music scene from 1978-82, is it possible our paths have crossed? Apart from seeing my name on my supervisor's hitlist, it is fun to see it elsewhere in print where everyone can see it. No ego problems here. Keep up the good work.

Amelia Sheridan
Los Angeles, CA

I lave this letter! Sorry, Amelia, but I was eight in 1978, so I wasn't too invalved with the NY music scene. Althaugh, I'm famous far my saying "Debbie, have yau ever thaught about going blande?"

Dear Jimmy G,

Man, you don't know how long I've serached for Amelia Rules #2. I wish I'd subscribed to it after reading #1. I love the art. I love the humor. I love the characters. Heck, I love it all! Your's is one of the few current comics I eagerly await. Keep up the fantastic work!

Steven C. Klinkseik
Lancaster, PA

Hello Jimmy

I have followed your work for some time but I love your new series - PERFECT. First of all, your new book is hilarious. I really love the characters, good interaction, great humor. I just finished reading #4 where PJ gets to doll that he would have never gotten from Amelia and your stories really have a heart. I LOVED that story. I even puchased an extra copy of #1 to help the book sell better. Can't wait until your next issue!

Steve Snyder
via email

Next issue...
All yau Tanner fans who didn't get enough af your fave character this manth are in far a treat in issue #6 "My Aunt Tanner is a hattie"

Alsa, this June be an the laak-aut for the Amelia paperback, collecting issues 1-5. We're excited about it and hope yau are too!

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